

**CITY GENERAL PURPOSE, MAJOR DONOR AND INDEPENDENT
EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES**

2005 Filing Schedule Q&A

Q: If a major donor/independent expenditure committee filed a statement by July 31 covering the first six months of the year and makes no other contributions or independent expenditures during the second six months of the year, must it file a semi-annual statement by January 31?

A: No.

Q: Must a state major donor that contributes to a local candidate or ballot measure committee file pre-election statements in connection with the local election?

A: No. State major donor/independent expenditure committees do not file pre-election reports regardless of their activity at the local level.

Q: Must a state major donor/independent expenditure committee that makes a late contribution to a local candidate file a late contribution report with the local filing officer?

A: The late contribution report is filed in the same locations that the major donor/independent expenditure committee files its regular campaign statements.

Q: Must a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465) be filed if an independent expenditure supports or opposes multiple candidates?

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was expended to support or oppose each candidate in the communication. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate.

Q: Last year, a major donor contributed to candidates running in a city election. This year, the major donor is contributing to state candidates. Where are the major donor statements filed this year?

A: A major donor committee terminates at the end of each calendar year. A major donor making contributions to state candidates files with the Secretary of State, City and County of San Francisco, County of Los Angeles, and the committee's county of domicile, regardless of where it filed reports in a prior year.